

**Former Foes Meet Here****Ex-Luftwaffe Officer Says  
He Saved U. S. Flier's Life***(Picture on Page 18.)*

A German news editor visiting Washington told yesterday how he saved an American flier's life in World War II—and found him here a couple of days ago.

The newspaperman, Willy Popp, 33, was a first lieutenant in the German Luftwaffe, he said, when he prevented German civilians from shooting the then Maj. George O. McCafferty as an enemy agent.

Colonel McCafferty, who lives at 4208 23rd. st. No., Arlington, and is stationed at the Pentagon, said he remembers Popp and that he feels grateful to him for the treatment he received. But the Colonel said it was news to him that Popp had saved his life.

"It may be true," Colonel McCafferty said. "I wasn't aware, however, that my life was in danger. The guys who got their hands on me showed no particular animosity."

It was the Nazi civilians who didn't get their hands on him,

Popp said, that made the difference. Here's his story:

Several American bombers were shot down near Magdeburg on September 14, 1944. Some of the airmen bailed out; two were captured and shot. McCafferty was in danger of being shot, but he first had to be cut down from the tree into which he had parachuted.

Popp, stationed nearby, learned two Americans had been shot, and a third was threatened. He ordered the civilians away at pistol point.

Then he had the flier taken to the airport where he was based, and looked after him pending his transfer to a prisoner of war camp.

Popp, along with other German newspapermen, arrived in Washington last Sunday on a 45-day tour of the United States under the State Department exchange program. At the State Department he produced the slip of paper on which McCafferty had written his name. McCafferty was found.

The German and the American met at the department Tuesday and compared notes.

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